

Exchange Programs, Educational Opportunities and Scholarships

Please note these approximate deadlines for recurring programs promoted by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

Department of State / U.S. Embassy Baghdad Sponsored Programs		
Program	Description	Deadline
Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP)	This program is part of a 2006 Presidential Initiative. It was announced by President Bush in agreement with Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki during a visit of the Prime Minister to the White House. It is a one-month scholarship program for high school students and university students to participate in leadership development and civic education.	Mid January
MEPI - Student Leaders Program	Five-week long summer program for university students. Participants from 18 countries in the Middle East will be assigned to one of six host universities in the U.S. The main focus of the program is leadership.	Mid January
Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI)	Six week intensive post-graduate level academic summer programs with integrated study tours for foreign university faculty and scholars to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. The goal is to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.	Mid January
International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)	Two to three week programs for mid-professionals identified by the Mission as potential leaders to meet and confer with their professional counterparts in their field and to experience America firsthand. Note: The Embassy selects candidates for this program	Late April / Early May
Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World	For scholars and practitioners from the Muslim World to spend 3-6 weeks at a U.S. college lecturing and conducting public outreach on topics related to Islamic society and civilization.	Mid May
Fulbright Student Program	Two-year Master's degree study program in the U.S. all fields except Medicine; for 2010 GOI matching our funds and doubling this Fulbright program.	Late May
International Fulbright Science and Technology Award	Doctoral study at prestigious U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering for up to 40 outstanding foreign students worldwide.	Late May
Humphrey Fellowship	Non-degree, 1-year program for study, professional dev. & networking for mid-professionals.	Early August

MEPI – Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program	Six –week academic course for young (25-40 yrs old) democratic reform leaders from the Middle East and North Africa to complete both academic coursework and a practical, skill-building experience in their field of choice in the U.S. Applicants should have capacity to apply the opportunities presented by the fellowship in a way that would benefit an organization, sector, or specific community.	Early November
MEPI: Women in Business and Law Internship Program	A month at UPenn Law or Wharton then internship in a U.S. law firm or business.	November
Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA)	Nine-month, non-degree program for English language teachers to serve as assistant teachers of Arabic at U.S universities or high schools and take graduate courses related to their career in English language teaching.	changing to same schedule as Fulbright Student Program for Academic year 2010: May 2009
MEPI - Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program	New MEPI initiative for high school seniors in the Middle East who are from underserved backgrounds. The program will provide four-year university scholarships at select institutions of higher learning in the Middle East (American University of Beirut and Lebanese American University).	Late December / Early January
Iraq Women in Engineering and Applied Sciences (IWASE)	Sponsored by the Iraq Women's Fellowship Foundation and funded by Embassy Baghdad, this fellowship allows women with doctoral degrees to spend an academic year at an American university; include pre-program English language training.	December
MEPI Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELF)	CELF provides up to 60 university teachers and scholars an opportunity to participate in individually tailored 5 month programs at the Maxwell School for Public Affairs at Syracuse University. The objective is to enhance international standards in social science education through improved curricula development and course delivery, increased institutional capacity, expanded student and faculty engagement; and improved critical thinking and analytic capabilities of educators in institutions of higher education. Candidates should work at an accredited institution of higher education in social science disciplines, including political science, public administration, law, media, journalism, and communications. English language skills required.	December

Non-USG Sponsored Programs		
Program	Description	Deadline
ExxonMobil Middle Eastern Scholars Program	Provides student leaders from the Middle East and North Africa with a fully-funded Master's degree programs in geoscience for applicants with at least a Bachelor's degree in chemistry, engineering, geography, geoscience, mathematics or physics. www.iie.org/exxonmobilscholars	Mid January
Bentley University Global Business Ethics Symposium and Teaching Workshop	Seeking Center for Business Ethics Fellows from countries emerging from protracted conflicts for one week program in Massachusetts focusing on business ethics and business ethics education in May 2009.	February
Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT (AKPIA@MIT)	For scholars with Ph.D. in any field related to architecture - architectural art, urban history, design, technology, computation, urban planning, anthropology, archeology - who are engaged in research on an Islamic topic. Fellowship ranges from two to nine months. Fellows pursue their own research, give public lectures, and participate in academic activities during their stay at MIT. http://web.mit.edu/akpia/www/fellowshipsreq.htm	Early March
Kennedy Center – Fellowship Program	For creative artists and arts managers from the United States and other countries. Fellows work full-time at the Center for 9 months starting in September and ending in May, and take part in classes, seminars, and practical work experiences in at least three Kennedy Center departments. <i>Applications must pass through the Cultural Affairs Section at Embassy Baghdad.</i>	Early April
Empower Peace Women2Women – America International Leadership Conference	An opportunity for young women ages 15-19 to participate in cultural exchange and meet with national and international women leaders. It is a forum aimed at empowering future young women leaders from the Middle East, Near East, and the United States. Through a series of workshops, keynote speeches and cultural outings, participants will acquire skills and insight on how to become future leaders. www.empowerpeace.org/women2women/women2women.html	Mid April
Human Rights Watch Fellowships in International Human Rights	Fellows work full-time for one year with Human Rights Watch in New York, Washington, D.C., or London (Aryeh Neier fellows will work full-time, for an additional year, at the ACLU). Fellows monitor	Early October

	<p>human rights developments in various countries, conduct on-site investigations, draft reports on human rights conditions, and engage in advocacy aimed at publicizing and curtailing human rights violations.</p> <p>http://www.hrw.org/about/info/fellows.html</p>	
Kennedy Center – International Cultural Fellows Mentoring Program	<p>Offers professional development opportunities to arts management professionals between the ages 25-35 from selected countries. Fellows will participate in a three-week visit including attending meetings, classes, and a practical mentorship at an established arts organization. <i>Applications must pass through the Cultural Affairs Section at Embassy Baghdad.</i></p>	Mid October
Todd G. Patkin Visiting Fellowship in Arab Democracy and Development - Saban Center for Middle East Policy - The Brookings Institution	<p>Fellow will be hosted by the Middle East Democracy and Development (MEDD) Project. Fellows will participate in the various policy, research, and outreach aspects of the Saban Center and research and write a 5,000-15,000 word analysis paper in consultation with the Project Director.</p> <p>http://www.brookings.edu/projects/medd/patkin-fellow.aspx</p>	Mid October
Iraq Scholars and Leaders Program (ISLP)	<p>Scholarship program for select graduate (Master's or Doctoral) and undergraduate students from Iraq in the following fields of study: business, economics, education administration, engineering, geology, geophysics, law, public health or public policy (preference will be given to candidates pursuing study in business, engineering and geosciences).</p> <p>www.iie.org/islp</p>	Mid October
The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program at the National Endowment for Democracy	<p>Five to ten month program that enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html</p>	Early November
Kennedy Center - International Summer Fellowship Program	<p>Provides practical experience and instruction to managers currently working in international not-for-profit performing arts organizations. This full-time, four-week intensive program takes place in July and includes classes, seminars and practical work experience in the Kennedy Center's fundraising and marketing departments. Individuals selected for this program will return to the Kennedy Center for ongoing professional development for a total of three consecutive summer sessions. Applications must pass through the Cultural Affairs Section at</p>	Early December

	Embassy Baghdad.	
AAUW (American Associations of University Women) International Fellowships	International Fellowships are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/international.cfm	Early December
Yale World Fellows Program	Highly competitive six month program for professional development and opportunity to lecture at Yale University. http://www.yale.edu/worldfellows/	Late December
Kennedy Center – Performing Artists Cultural Visitors Program	Professional development opportunities for emerging performing artists between the ages 19-30. Cultural visitors will participate in two-week visits which will include attending meetings, master classes, and performances in their artistic genre. Sample programs include: Modern Dance, Theatre – Technical Theatre, Hip-hop Dance, Theatre – Actors, Classical Music Performance, Theatre – Directors and Playwrights. <i>Check with the Cultural Affairs Section for dates of each program. Applications must pass through the Cultural Affairs Section at Embassy Baghdad.</i>	Rolling admission